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## POETRY.

## DEACON JONES'S EXPERIENCE.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE—174.

## BY BRUCE DALE.

You right when you lay it down, Parsons,  
The fact is weak and a snare;  
To keep your place in the law,  
With a good heart is a snare.

An't no sur' thing, And he's a snare,

The same be end of Prayer.

Why I stand on the lake, on the river,  
Of the boat, when the critters found  
That I'd just the church, and the snare;

They'd be a good place to snare,

In the old camp-meeting crowd.

I stood all that, and I reckon,  
I thought, at a pinch, stood more;  
For the boys they represents Brad,  
And I stand on the back of the Law,

And I stand in my snare,

In holdin' them to their knees.

But that's crosses a Christian sufferer,

As he's got that pretence—

Things with no moral purpose,

Things's a god, no snare;

Things's a good, no profit

Will cover their first experience.

Exhort! I was just last evening

Addressing the Tabernacle of Grace,

And mother kin' in the corner,

And each of the boys in his place;

When that unkin' up of K'zard's

A'rodu'ation of git' chaste.

I never let on to man 'em,

But I drew that pray'r down the maw,

With the rat'lin' under my chee'

And mother a sayin', "You dare!"

I took a fight for the heathen,

To stand up for the dog, and the wolf,

With that dog and that wolf wall'.

And Jonathan's face just black,

When the pup made a rush, and the kitten

Dropped down on the small of my back.

Yet, I think, with the Lord's assistance,

I might have done a lot of damage,

To the world, the like, the kitten,

It hasn't dropped her claws in me—when

It somehow reached the "old Adam,"

And I jumped to my feet with "Amen."

So, yet right when you says it, Parsons,

The fact is weak and a snare,

To keep your place in the law,

And when you begin to rare,

An't no sur' thing. And between us,

It says its just so with Prayer.

## MISCELLANY.

## THE GREAT SCANDAL.

Mr. Moulton publishes All He Knows About the Beecher-Tilton Scandal; that both Mr. Beecher and Mrs. Tilton Confessed to Him their Adultery.

The statement of Francis D. Moulton, in reference to the Beecher-Tilton scandal, originally prepared for presentation to the Executive Committee, has been printed and withheld, as published on the 23d. In a preliminary card, addressed to the public, Mr. Moulton gives a history of his connection with the scandal, and of his efforts for the sake of the persons involved, mainly for the sake of the children, whom might otherwise have been exposed to the master of publicity. In this connection he says:

"All these considerations determined me to take an active part in the transactions which have since become so notorious. This decision induced me to go to New York, and to make the hope of saving these interests could be my only compensation. Even that reward was not forthcoming, instead of it, an exposure was made to the world on my part, and the name and disgrace which belongs to the actors alone. One of them, whom I have zealously endeavored to save, has seen it, with all the details of the scandal, and in such a writer, to set on him the story of his adulterous intercourse with Mrs. Tilton should be divulgated."

In compliance with directions of Beecher, he went to New York, and there, on the 1st of August, he read the paper which detailed to him Beecher's expression of regret and remorse, spoke to him of his agony of mind, and again applied to him to have an account of the sake of the children. To this Tilton assented.

In reference to the ascription made by Mr. Beecher to himself, that he (Beecher) had given him \$7,000 in all—under a species of blackmail, Mr. Moulton says that Mr. Beecher paid through him (Moulton) the expense of sending away to school the young girl who had lived at Tilton's, and the boy, and that he had given him \$7,000, had given him \$7,000, and could not be trusted to keep quiet; also that when Tilton's paper, the *Golden Age*, was started, Mr. Beecher entrusted to him (Moulton) the sum of \$5,000, to be expended in helping the enterprise along. Mr. Moulton, in his tradition, says:

"It was used, between myself and Beecher, that this money should go to Tilton as it came from my own voluntary contributions for his support. Instead of it, an exposure was made to the world on my part, and the name and disgrace which belongs to the actors alone. One of them, whom I have zealously endeavored to save, has seen it, with all the details of the scandal, and in such a writer, to set on him the story of his adulterous intercourse with Mrs. Tilton should be divulgated."

"I think proper to add further," says Moulton, "that Tilton, more than once, said to me he could and would receive nothing from Beecher in way of pecuniary assistance."

The documents, correspondence, letters, memoranda, etc., embodied in Mr. Moulton's statement, have some of them already been published, fully or in part. Among the more important of these is his letter to the Convention, in which he (Tilton) has never up to that time mentioned to him (Beecher), although his confession had been made July previous, in writing, which Beecher had afterwards destroyed. It leaves him and Mrs. Tilton in almost the same position which I found them, excepting that for a time he was not seeking to get rid of his wife, and was advised to do so by his son, and we went to him, which was the first knowledge that of his existence. Tilton wanted me to go down and ask Mr. Beecher to come up, and him at my house, and he said, 'This is a bad place to go with, but now I am going to go with you, and I will show you how well a beaten can serve you.' We then went to my house, and I saw him in a chair over a fire. He then called to some one in the back room to go down and say he should not be in the prayer meeting, and went out with me, and I was staying with him when he remarked, 'There is an opportunity in this storm,' and asked, 'What can I do?' I said, 'Go to bed.'

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